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Children & Family Services Division Office of Child Abuse Prevention

MANDATED REPORTER ONLINE TRAINING — www.mandatedreporterca.com

A free online training program for mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect

The goal of this online training is for mandated reporters to have the appropriate knowledge and understanding of their responsibilities under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Law (CANRA), Penal Code (PC sections 11164-11174.3). By having the training available online, the training is more easily accessible and available to more individuals. It also allows county child welfare agencies the ability to have staff trained without the time and expense involved with classroom training.

The Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training Project was initially funded by the OCAP and produced by the California Institute on Human Services, Sonoma, State University (CIHS-SSU). The training, launched in March 2003, benefitted from an advisory group of individuals representing social workers, criminal justice, health care, education, clergy, and child care providers. The valuable contribution of this group is the basis for the current online training.

The free online training is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Chadwick Center for Children, Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego has been responsible for the implementation and maintenance of this web project since February 2010. The training modules have been updated and revised to address a broader range of mandated reporters. New modules have also been created. Trainings are self-paced and can be completed in multiple sessions for the convenience of busy professionals. A certificate of completion is available and can be printed, so as to meet the requirements of some employers.

A general training module is available in English and Spanish. Profession-specific modules are also available for more in-depth information, and may be taken after completion of the general training module. These include modules that have been developed specifically for:

- Social Workers and Mental Health Professionals
- Law Enforcement
- Medical Personnel
- Child Care Providers
- Educators
- Clergy

The general training may also be taken by volunteers. While volunteers are not mandated to report under the CANRA, knowledge of the law is important if their volunteer work involves working with children (PC section 11165.7(b)). The training is available at www.mandatedreporterca.com.

Training for trainers is available at in-person trainings throughout the state. For more information please contact Lisa Quinn at Lquinn@rchsd.org.

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